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KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 44 AWARDED \$170,369 IN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

WASHINGTON, DC— U.S. Rep Dave Reichert announced today that King County Fire District 44 will receive \$170,369 from the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

"I am thrilled to see the King County Fire District 44 receive this funding," said Reichert. "Through these grants we help ensure that Washington's first responders have the equipment and training they need to respond to all types of situations."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments to support the nation's firefighters and the services they deliver. For the 2004 program, Congress appropriated, and President Bush signed into law, \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters to improve the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention programs throughout the United States.

"Our fire district has traditionally been given more responsibilities with no additional funding. This grant helps us to prepare for different situations and new challenges," said Fire Chief Greg Smith. "It great to have representatives like Dave Reichert working for us back in D.C. and we appreciate it. Dave has a big voice for small places."

"As a former Sheriff and first responder myself, I can speak to the importance of the right equipment and training to facilitate the best response. Firefighters are an important part of our communities. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program helps ensure our firefighters have the resources needed to do their jobs, improve safety and save lives," said Reichert.

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